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SUBJECT: SAVIMBI DEMANDS ELECTIONS

1. IN HIS FIRST MAJOR SPEECH SINCE THE NAKURU SUMMIT, UNITA PRESIDENT JONAS SAVIMBI SAID IN NOVA LISBOA ON JUNE 28 THAT UNITA WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE POST-INDEPENDENCE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT UNLESS ELECTIONS ARE HELD. "IF THE DEADLINE IS PASSED AND THE NAKURU RESOLUTIONS (ON ELECTIONS) ARE BOYCOTTED...UNITA WILL NOT BE PART OF A PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL AFTER NOVEMBER 11.... WE WON'T JOIN BECAUSE IT'S NOT WORTH THE EFFORT." ONLY ELECTIONS, HE SAID, CAN DETERMINE WHO WILL GOVERN THE COUNTRY. HE ADDED THAT THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IS PARALYSED, THE ECONOMY IS IN RUINS AND THAT ANGOLA NEEDS A STRONG MAN TO GOVERN THE NATION. IF MPLA OR FNLA WINS THE ELECTION, HE SAID, UNITA WILL COOPERATE.

2. SAVIMBI HAD WARM WORDS OF PRAISE FOR THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THANKS AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE PORTUGUESE TROOPS. HE RECOGNIZED THAT MANY WHITES ARE FLEEING BECAUSE OF THE CHAOS AND VIOLENCE, BUT ADDED THAT THOSE WHO REALLY LOVE ANGOLA ARE NOT GOING TO RUN JUST BECAUSE
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THEY HEAR ON SHOT. WHITES DID NOT FLEE DURING THE COLONIAL

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WARS, HE SAID, AND ASKED "ARE THEY FLEEING NOW BECAUSE IT WAS COLONIAL ANGOLA THEY LOVED"? HE LAMENTED THE DISORDER, LACK OF AUTHORITY, ROBBERIES AND MURDERS AND ASSERTED THAT DISCIPLINE WILL BEGIN AT MIDNIGHT ON NOVEMBER 11.

3. SAVIMBI TOLD HIS AUDIENCE HE PLANS TO UNDERTAKE ANOTHER SWING THROUGH ANGOLA TO FIGHT FOR PEACE AND UNITY. AFTER HIS SPEECH IN PORTUGUESE, HE ADDRESSED THE CROWD IN UMBUNDO. KILLORAN

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